(2) *Details regarding closure of some of the foreign offices*

1. *State Trading Corporation of (STC)*: *Baghdad*: Closed on April, 1986.

Baghdad: Closed on April 1986.

2. *Engineers India Ltd. (EIL)*:

Warsaw: closed in October, 1983.

Kuwait: Closed in June, 1982.

3. *The Handicrafts & Handlooms Export Corporation of India Ltd. (HHEC)*:

Nairobi: Closed in 1983.

4. *Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (EPI)*

Kuwait

5. Steel Authority of India Ltd. (*SAIL*):

London: Closed in 1981.

Introducton of electronic equipment in coal mining

*251. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to introduce electronic equipment in coal mining industry in collaboration with the United Kingdom;

(b) if so, what will be the increase in productivity of coal; the likely investment on the project and the time by when the project will be completed; and

(c) what are the contemplated terms and conditions of the collaboration arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Under the Indo-UK bilateral agreement, J. K. Nagar coal mine in Eastern Coalfields has been indentified for introduction of electronic applications to improve, *inter-alia*, mine visited the mine. Detiled project report and package offer are awaited from the U. K. side. Likely investment, increase in productivity and conditions of the collaboration would be known only after the detailed project report and package offer are received. The project may be completed in two years.

Wage board for wage settlements for Public sector Undertakings

*252. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held a conference with the Chief Executives of about thirty public sector undertakings in the country recently;

(b) if so, what was the agenda of the discussions and outcome of the Conference; and

(c) whether Government have decided to appoint wage boards for the public sector undertakings instead of resorting to the present mechanism of bipartite negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

Presumably, the Hon'ble Members are referring to the meeting of the Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Public Enterprises held on 26-5-86 presided over by Minister of State for Public Enterprises which was attended by Chief Executives or representatives of 35 enterprises. There was no formal agenda. The Chief Executives were to present the working of their units covering aspects like production, profitability and technology. The Chief Executives explained the working of their undertakings and the problems faced by the.

The Chief Executives were advised to send complete details of their problem